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Please replace the paragraph on page 7, lines 23-27 with the following:

Figure 5: Side view of a manifold with micro apertures. One preferably sets the robot up such that the pin tip just passes the opening of the hole at the down position (A), and is reciprocated up to a position a few hundred microns above the opening (B). Reciprocation up and down is used to increase air turbulence, increasing the cleaning efficiency.

Please replace the paragraph on page 9, lines 5-15 with the following:

Significantly improved cleaning is achieved by using this vacuum manifold 4.

First, the inlets (holes/apertures) of the vacuum manifold are reduced in cross-sectional



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